

MAY 12TH, 2025

OUR LAST
NEWSLETTER!



River City Academy

Pod Post

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A Message from Principal Shea



Wow, I can't believe the year is winding down. This group of students has been a pleasure to support on their educational journey! I'm especially proud of our seniors, who will be graduating next Tuesday!

Our Middle College students have earned more straight As this year than I've ever seen—proof that they were not only ready for the challenge, but are also ready for big things in the world.

I'm looking forward to the rest of the week during Explorations. Parents and students, please remember: while these classes are fun, they are not just about having fun. They're also how students earn important art and PE credits—so make sure to attend every day!

Even though core class instruction has wrapped up, students are still encouraged to complete any missing work at home or over the weekend. Remember, all final products must be finished to receive full credit. We'll be celebrating students' completion of their classes with awards and prizes this week and next!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Here are the upcoming happenings for
River City Academy.**

**Add these to your calendar so
you do not miss an important event.**



May 12th-16th **Exploration Week!**

May 20th-

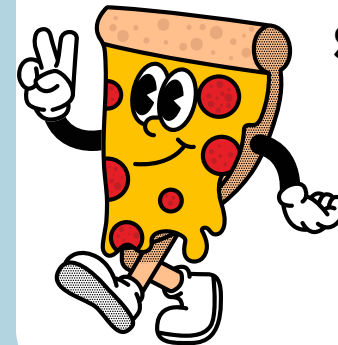
Graduation Rehearsal @ 1 p.m.
All graduates must attend rehearsal
that are walking in RCA Graduation.

May 20th-

All graduates to report to RCA at 4:45 p.m.
Graduation, 6 pm
@ River City Academy.

May 22nd-

Last day of school



**Student Nutrition on the last day
of school will not be serving
meals. Our school will be
providing a pizza lunch
to all RCA students.**



River City Academy

Discover the benefits of Mentoring:

Our teachers are passionate about guiding students towards success. With a personalized approach and dedicated time in the schedule for mentoring, they'll help unlock your full potential and foster a love for learning that lasts a lifetime.



RCA benefits students who prefer personalized instruction, self-paced learning, and opportunities for demonstrating their knowledge and skills in practical ways.



Now Enrolling!

Email For more info:

Principal Shea Nash
snash@kpbsd.k12.ak.us

Call:

907-714-6400



Small Class Sizes, Big Impact:

With ~80 students 7th-12th, our class sizes are small, ensuring every student receives the personalized support they need to excel.

Competency-Based Schooling!

Students progress based on evidence of mastery of the standards, not seat time. Students are encouraged and supported to develop meaningful academic growth at a pace that is right for them. Students have input into how and when they will complete these standards, making RCA a unique school choice for KPBSD.



RIVER CITY ACADEMY

River City Academy is a free public non-charter school of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District.

**RIVER CITY ACADEMY FAMILIES:
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR
SCHOOL YEAR 25-26!**

**VISIT [FORMS.KPBSD.ORG](https://forms.kpbbsd.org)
TO FILL OUT ALL
SCHOOL YEAR 25-26 FORMS**

Interested in joining us?

**VISIT OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE TO
FIND OUR APPLICATION ONLINE**

RCA

SPOTLIGHT

**DAYNA EASTHAM
STUDENT OF QUARTER 4**

Dayna joined the RCA crew this school year and boy has she shown amazing progress! Dayna is always kind and considerate to her peers. She is also very crafty and an awesome artist. In the past few months, Dayna has truly dedicated herself to being the best student she can be! Congratulations Dayna!



EXPLORATION WEEK!

may 12th-16th

May	12th-16th		Ms. Michelle	Anna	Mrs. Nash	Mrs. Wiseman	Ms. Doud	Shea	Missy	Ashley Blatchford	Jesse	Lisa Bass
start	end	minutes										
7:40: AM	8:25:00: AM	0:45:00	Board games- Common Room	EPYC- ELA Room	Relay and Team Games (PE)		Amigurumi - crocheting creatures - Science Room		Windchime Creation Michelle's Room	DND Max: 12 Computer Lab		
8:30:00: AM	9:30:00: AM	1:00:00			Coffee Shop (StuCo only)	Little Italy (Max 16 Fee \$5) Science Room	Birding- Walking around the trails -outside	Wheels (Rollerblading & skateboards) - outside				
9:30:00: AM	9:50:00: AM											
9:55: AM	10:55: AM	1:00:00	Extreme Bocce Ball- Outside	Embroidery (max 11)- Computer Lab	Refurbish and Upcycle (\$5) -ELA Room	Needle Felting -Math room	Paper crafts - origami & paper mache -Science Room		Walking Tours -Outside **FIELD TRIP FORM**			YOUTH FIRE - Common Room
11:00 AM	12:00: PM	1:00:00	Torn paper collages- Computer Lab		Trash Pick-up and Recycling (Max 6 unless you are a driver)* Outside ** FIELD TRIP FORM*	Little Italy (Homemade pasta, sauce, breadsticks,...) Max: 16 Fee: \$5 Science Room	Geography Trivia- ELA Room	Disc Golf- Outside			Dancing w/Mr. Jesse Math Room	
12:00: PM	12:30: PM	0:30:00							Lunch Duty			
12:35: PM	2:10: PM	1:35:00	Beach Activities ** FIELD TRIP FORM**	Grid Mural Making - Computer Lab	*Film as Lit (high school only) -ELA Room Movie Form	Beach Activities ** FIELD TRIP FORM**	Block printing (stamp making) \$3- Science Room	Beach Activities ** FIELD TRIP FORM**	Beach Activities ** FIELD TRIP FORM**			

Thank you to all of
our wonderful
volunteers to make
Exploration Week
happen!

Seniors that are
needing .25 elective
credit to graduate
must sign up through
their Mentor.

THE COUNTDOWN IS ON!

Grades 7-11th: Teachers will wrap up teaching their classes no later than May 9th. Students are expected to be finished with their class this week!

Students will have extra time May 19th-22nd to wrap up their classes if they haven't already finished.
No work will be accepted after May 22nd.

May 12th-16th- Exploration Week!

During this exciting week, all RCA students (grades 7-12) will be diving into hands-on exploratory classes. High school students will be earning elective credit, and attendance and participation are required as part of their grade.

Please note:

- ◆ **No Student Directed Learning (SDL) will be offered this week.**
- ◆ **Teachers will be fully engaged in Exploration activities and will not be providing SDL feedback this week.**

We're looking forward to a fun and enriching week of learning!





Student Check Out Sheet

Before leaving for the summer or participating in ANY graduation activities, all students must be signed off in the areas below. If you have questions, please ask.

Student: _____ Student ID #: _____

General Items

- ☐ Library Books Returned: Amanda _____
- ☐ Chromebook Returned (w/sleeve and charger) Amanda _____
- ☐ School Fees/Interim Fees Paid: Amanda _____
- ☐ Locker Cleaned & Washed: Amanda _____
- ☐ Distance Course, Independent Course work, and/or Middle College completed or extension applied: Missy _____
- ☐ Seniors Section:
 - Alumni Survey Completed. (Log into Powerschool and survey will be on the top) Survey opens May 1st
Amanda _____
 - Class of 2025 Senior Info and Family Survey Done. Survey's were sent to your student gmail by Shea
Amanda _____
 - Final Transcript Request Form filled out if transcript needs to be sent anywhere
Amanda _____

Classes – All books/materials returned, space cleaned & standards turned in.

- ☐ Math Mrs. Wiseman _____
- ☐ Science Ms. Doud _____
- ☐ ELA Mrs. Nash _____
- ☐ History Mrs. Nash /Mr. Shea _____
- ☐ Other (Tech, Careers, ect) Shea/ Missy/Michelle _____

FINAL APPROVAL- Form must be completed **ABOVE** prior to having last check in with Mentor.

- ☐ Final Mentor Check In _____ Mentor Teacher

Return completed form to Amanda.

Seniors must turn in completed check-out forms to the office prior to attending graduation rehearsal.

Checkout sheets for ALL students were made available this week!

All students will need to make sure they turn in their completed check out sheet prior to leaving for the summer.

Check out sheets can be found on the office counter :)



CLASS OF 2025!



~~May 1st Student Checkout sheet to be sent via email or available in the office for Seniors to start working on. ALL Seniors (including RCA or Middle College only) will need to have this filled out and turned in prior to graduation rehearsal.~~

May 12th- 16th- Explorations Week, please let Shea know if you need the .25 elective credit for this week and/or planning to attend. All students are invited to sign up for these activity classes!

May 16th- Deadline for paying all fines and returning devices/RCA materials to the RCA Office to participate in graduation activities.

May 20th- RCA Graduation Rehearsal, 1 p.m. We will be providing a meal for our seniors during rehearsal.

May 20th- Graduates report to RCA @ 4:45 p.m. in the RCA Common Room. Graduates must be on time!

RCA Graduation Ceremony @ 6 pm. Location: River City Academy.

Juniors and Seniors:

Visit <https://kpbsd.org/scholarship/> frequently for up-to-date information about scholarships!



**Graduation Ceremony
River City Academy
May 20th, 2025
6 pm**

**OUR DEADLINE FOR
ORDERING
YEARBOOKS AND
HAVING THEM
SHIPPED TO OUR
SCHOOL HAS PAST.**

**YOU MAY ORDER
YEARBOOKS AND
HAVE THEM SHIPPED
TO YOUR HOME!**



**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PURCHASE THE
RIVER CITY ACADEMY
YEARBOOK!**

Customize Your 2 Free Pages

Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Instagram, Google Drive & more.

Answer fun Memory Questions to help remember the year.

The 2 Custom Pages are FREE and are printed ONLY in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages is just \$1.99.

**To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook,
Use The QR Code Below, or:**

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

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- 2 Enter your school's passcode:
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Regular price: **\$37.07**
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What's your preparedness level?

Download the Pocket Preparedness Guide today.

The guide offers preparedness tips and checklists for the natural hazards on the Kenai Peninsula.

From defensible space to family reunification plan, the guide is worth the read.

For more information by hazard type or to download the guide, visit

<https://info.kpb.us/pages/preparedness-guide>

Our lost and found
IS OVERFLOWING!

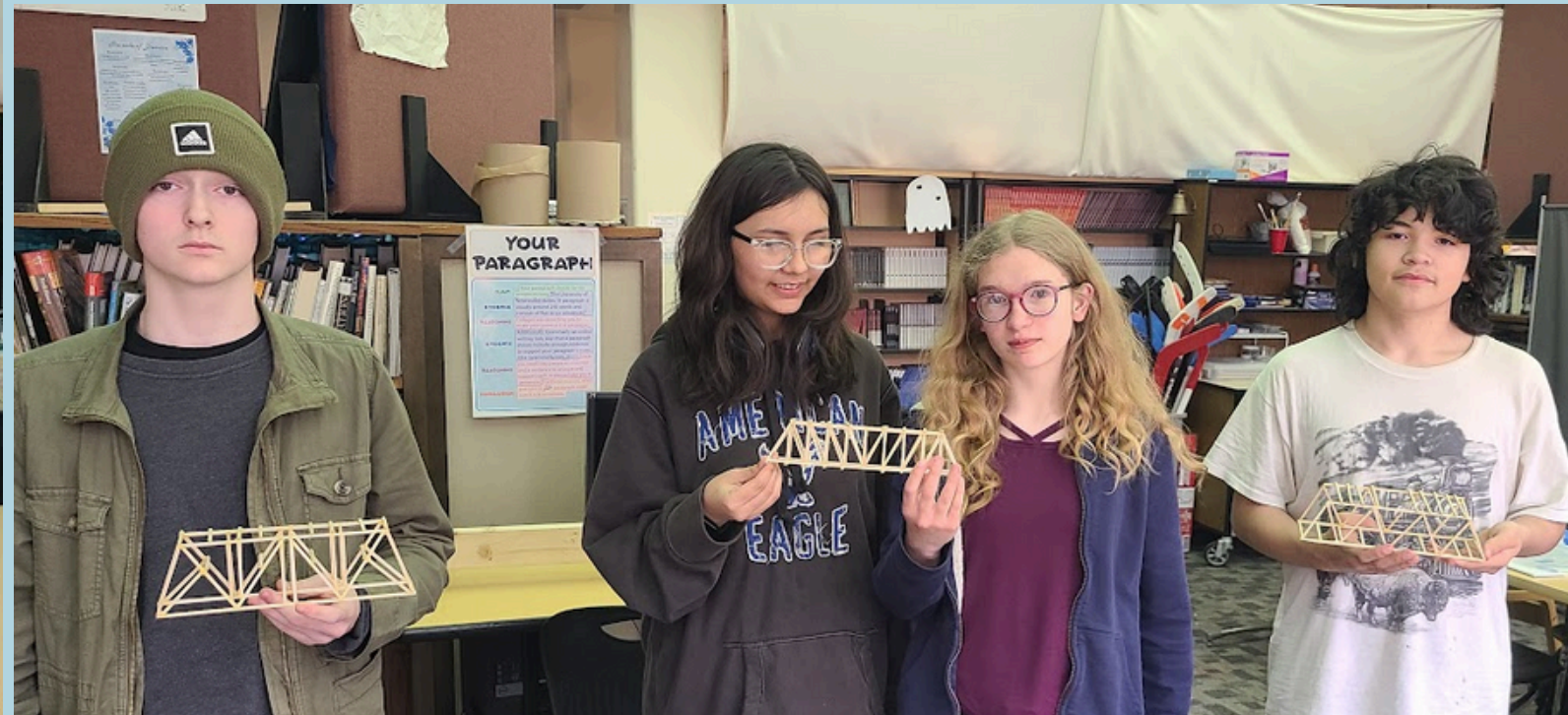
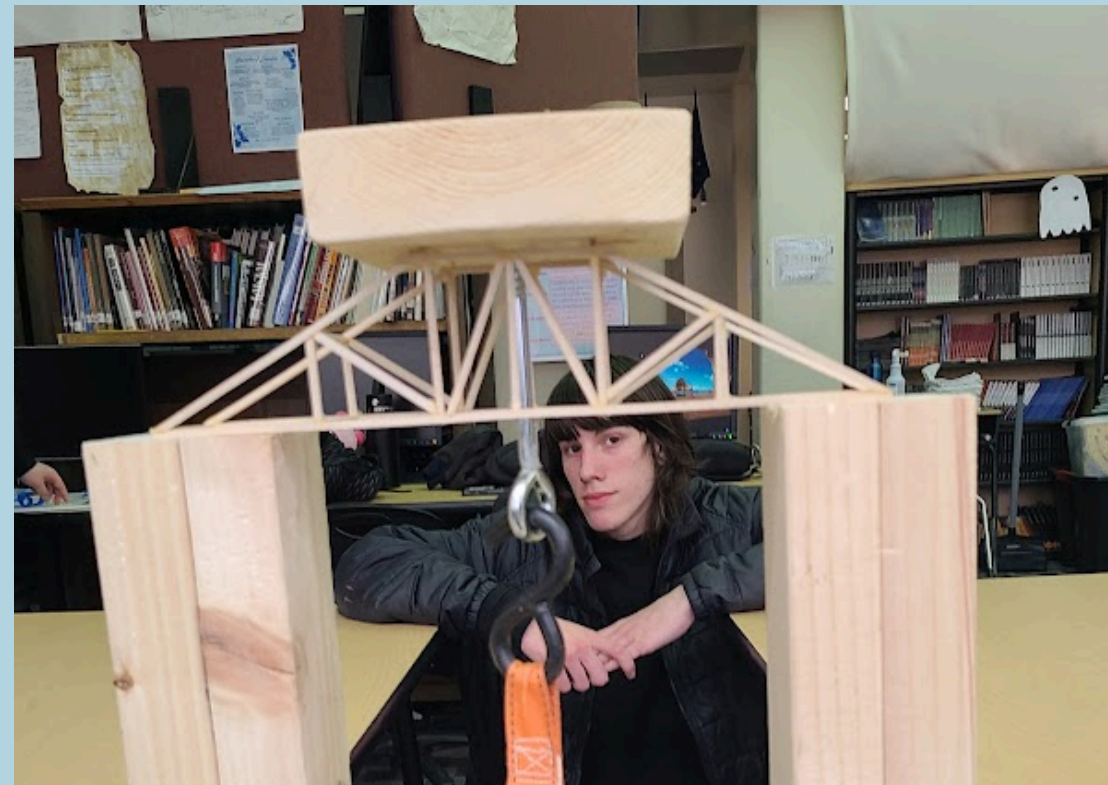
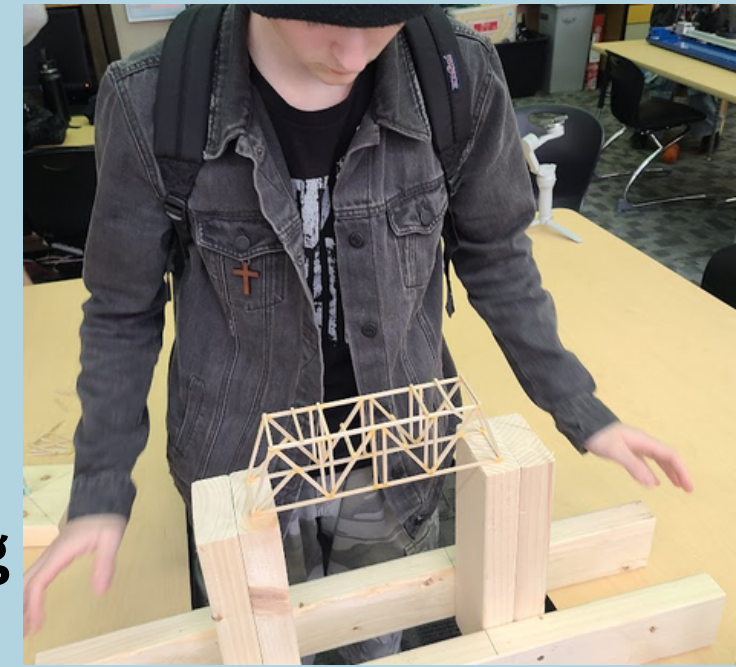
We will be donating any unclaimed items from our school lost and found after the last day of school. Students, please claim your lost and find items across from the front office counter. Thank you!





Final Project for our Tech Class!

Aanson and Jax's winning
bridge held 41.7 lbs!



What would our world be like if people only saw and encouraged our Strengths?!

